

**State News.**

At a liquor raid at Barre Saturday 50 bottles of whiskey were found in a pig sty.

The authorities of the city of Barre have imposed an extra tax on dogs for support of the library.

Mrs. Ernest Wilkins of South Randolph committed suicide a few days ago by taking Paris green. She leaves a husband and four small children.

Steve Coon, aged 45, and Winnie Metock, 14, of Fairfield ran away together a few nights since and Franklin Metock is being secured in an endeavor to locate them.

The Estey Organ company have bought the organ key manufacturing business of Milo Whitney of Boston and the removal of the plant to Brattleboro is in progress.

Dogs drove a young doe into the yard of B. P. Bowen, in East Dorset, recently, and caught the animal. It was so badly exhausted and injured that it died in a short time.

The Barre school census shows that there are 1803 children within the city limits between the ages of 5 and 18 years and 104 who will come within this limit during the coming year.

Charles H. Moore & Co. have opened a granite manufacturing works at Middlebury after shutting down since September. This is the largest granite manufacturing plant in Vermont, and is running full force employs 300 men there and at Barre.

The Vermont Marble company of Waterbury has brought suit against William H. H. and George Sherman of Washington to recover \$10,535 alleged to be for material used in the amusement of the national soldiers' home. An accounting and the appointment of a receiver to hold funds due Whittier from the United States are asked.

Montpelier, Barre and St. Johnsbury to have a system of electric street cars this season, it is said. The leaders will be J. S. Pierson, J. J. Kim, F. C. Kennedy and A. O. Humfrey of Burlington. Montpelier and Barre will be connected by an electric line which will also run through the principal streets of both cities.

Thomas Ready of Burlington has just received a medal for his service in the English-Persian war nearly 40 years ago. The medal is of silver, and bears the bust of Queen Victoria on the reverse, and on the reverse is a symbolic representation of Britannia wearing a veteran's helmet, while around the clasp is the word "Persia."

Mrs. Emma A. O. Doud, 87 years old, living in New Orleans, La. Her father, Rev. Dan Kent of Benson, served a soldier in the war of the revolution in 1776 till 1781 and was in the battle of Bennington. His father, Cephas Kent of Dorset, was the patriot at whose house the first meeting of the famous "society of safety" was held. It was there September, 1776, that the resolution was taken to declare Vermont a separate independent district, in opposition to the rival claims of New Hampshire and New York, and there its first local government was organized.

The Vermont congressional delegation have asked for the appointment of D. Denison of Randolph as minister to Venezuela. This position was held by Vermont men during the Harrison and Cleveland administrations. The minister to Venezuela receives a salary of \$7500 per year and the office is one of great importance. J. D. Denison is a lawyer about 40 years old, a graduate of a university of Vermont in the class of 1878 and a son of Dudley C. Denison, lawyer who served two terms in congress over 20 years ago, as the result of a fight against Judge Poland. The appointments recommended were: W. W. Henry of Burlington to be consul general at Montreal and Col. J. Foster of Derby Line to be consul at Brookline, P. Q. J. G. Foster is a young manufacturer of Derby Line, who gained his military title as a member of the staff of Gov. Levi K. Fuller.

The Minneapolis Times has the following account of the reunion of the Vermonters residing in that city March 23: "The folk lore of the Green Mountain State was kindled in loyal hearts in the spacious dining room of the Nicolet house last night. The occasion was the youth annual banquet and reunion of the Vermont association of Minnesota, and the few brief speeches that were made fairly glowed with the spirit of old New England. About 125 sons and daughters of Vermont sat down to table at 8 o'clock and soon dropped into reminiscences rich with the flavor of old acquaintance and the old home scenes that gave the earliest delight. The banquet was followed by a dance. Dean C. Hall, president of the association, presided as toastmaster and welcomed the Vermonters, many of whom are residents of other Minnesota cities. Fred Wright responded to the toast 'The Vermont Squire.' Rev. Calvin B. Moody spoke for 'The Vermont Parson,' and resident James M. Strong of Carleton place told of Vermont's great achievements in statehood. Mrs. Steimen was heard in a pretty recitation, 'Notes on a Vermont Frog Pond.'

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**General News.**

William T. Adams (Oliver Optic) died in Boston on Saturday, aged 75 years.

The entire Jackson county (Ohio) coal field has been sold to the "Kruger syndicate," of London, for \$4,000,000.

A convention of free silver republicans of Nebraska was held in Lincoln Thursday and a state organization was effected.

Ralph Cheney, one of the founders of Cheney Bros., the silk manufacturers of South Manchester, Connecticut, died there on Friday, aged 91 years.

Representatives of the Turkish government in Europe have been instructed to enter into negotiations for the purchase of three ironclads at a cost of \$7,500,000.

The wind storm near Tacoma, Washington, on Thursday night, caused the death of four persons, three by falling trees and one by the capsizing of a boat.

The American Exchange bank of Buffalo, New York, went into voluntary liquidation at the close of business on Saturday. All liabilities will be paid in full.

Both anti-trust bills introduced by the Lexow trust investigating committee have passed the New York assembly without amendment. They now go to the senate.

The Order of Equity, a benefit association, assigned in Indianapolis on Thursday. The liabilities are estimated at \$70,000, while the assets are said to be comparatively trifling.

Near Mount Gilead, Kentucky, on Thursday night, Amos Riggs shot and killed Young Boyd and his father, W. R. Boyd, because young Boyd had run off with one of Riggs's daughters.

It is said the French government will ask the chamber of deputies for a credit of \$100,000,000 to build forty-five warships and 175 torpedo boats, the whole to be completed within eight years.

The Tacoma, Washington, Railway and Motor company's street car system has been sold under foreclosure for \$100,000 to Howard C. Reavis of New York, representing the General Electric company.

A Topeka despatch says that labor leaders in Kansas are greatly excited over a ruling by Attorney General Boyle that the anti-trust law just passed by the legislature is applicable to labor organizations.

Judge Keane, of the superior court at Tacoma, has decided that "over fifty persons who secured divorces in that state during the past three years, and who remarried within six months, are guilty of bigamy."

John Clark, a policeman of Harrison, New Jersey, was instantly killed Sunday morning, by coming in contact with a telephone wire which had been cut, and which in falling had crossed an electric light wire.

President McKinley has announced that he proposed to nominate Andrew D. White, president of Cornell, as ambassador to Germany and Charlemagne Tower, Jr., of Philadelphia, envoy extraordinary to Austria.

A Frankfort, Ky., despatch says that it is rumored there that the penitentiary hospital is full of small-pox patients. "The prison physicians say it is only forty cases of measles, but the legislators are badly frightened."

John Patton, chief engineer and supervisor of the Monongahela River railroad, was instantly killed at Clarksburg, West Virginia, on Thursday. He stepped from a train on his own road in front of a Baltimore and Ohio flyer.

A Tacoma despatch says that a terrific storm lashed Puget sound on Thursday. Buildings were blown down and a score of persons injured, but none fatally. At Portland, Oregon, the wind reached a velocity of 55 miles an hour.

As the result of an old quarrel between Jacob Leeds and Blanchard Thomas, at La Paz, Indiana, on Thursday night, Thomas was shot and instantly killed by Leeds, after the latter had been fatally cut by a knife in the hands of Thomas.

A violent storm of wind and rain struck Austin, Texas, Sunday afternoon and did great damage to property. A number of buildings were demolished, and at Buda, a small town near Austin, one or two persons are reported to have been killed.

Latimer E. Jones, who fled from this country in 1888 with nineteen indictments for forgery and swindling against him, and who was arrested in England in January last, was brought back to New York on the steamship New York on Saturday.

The Chicago board of trade has determined upon an investigation into the alleged extensive railroad rate cutting on grain going east from that city. It is said that the inter-state commerce commission will make an inquiry at the same time.

By order of the Cuban junta the steamer Bermuda has sailed from Fernandina, Fla., in search of the missing steamer Laurada, which is known to have on board an important expedition in aid of the insurgents. It is believed the Laurada has broken down and that those on board are in need of assistance.

The house of Jacob Ade, a German farmer at Paradise Ridge, Tennessee, was partly burned on a recent night and in the ashes were found the charred remains of Ade, his wife, his daughter Lizzie, aged 14, his son, Henry, aged 10 years, and the 10-year-old daughter of

Henry Moirer, a neighbor, who was spending the night with the Ades. The house is supposed to have been fired by tramps.

The arbitration treaty will occupy the time of the United States senate this week. There is hope of a final vote on Friday or Saturday. Voting on the amendments was to be begun on Wednesday. The consideration of amendments is to continue Thursday provided new ones are offered after Wednesday's proceedings. The appropriation bills will not be taken up until the treaty is disposed of.

The engine in a mill of the Edgar Thompson steel works at Pittsburgh, Pa., ran away about midnight Wednesday night, resulting in the bursting of the immense flywheel. David Hugo, the engineer, had both legs crushed and died Friday morning. George B. McLellan Snyder was fatally injured. The flywheel was 24 feet in diameter. The force of the explosion badly wrecked the mill and caused thousands of dollars' worth of damage.

**A Hindoo Made of Rubber.**

A Hindoo named Bala Lachman Dass is attracting the interested attention of the London medical profession. Mr. Dass is a Yogi, and if all Yogis are like Mr. Dass the ordinary treatises on anatomy must be subjected to revision. He was exhibited to the Students' Anatomical society of St. George's hospital and introduced by the lecturer as "an unusually complicated specimen of the Indian Yogi—a Brahmin, namely, of a very high caste—who goes through certain religious exercises with a view of qualifying himself better for paradise." These religious exercises seem to take a physical form, and Mr. Dass, a little, dark gentleman, sat upon the table and proceeded to exhibit a skeleton from the 84 abnormal positions which he has put in 40 solid years in learning.

He seemed to have ligaments of the gutta percha persuasion, while his joints evidently work on all bearings. He formed his legs into a cravat and tied them about his neck. He hopped about on one hand and strolled about jauntily on his knees, a position which is said to greatly assist thought, though the thoughts of a white man in such a position would hardly be fit for publication. He folded his legs tightly around his body and stood thoughtfully on his finger tips for several minutes, in which posture he declared he was able to remain for seven days. However, as the medical students did not wish to carry out this particular experiment to its bitter end, Mr. Dass proceeded to tie himself up in a knot and to go to sleep on one leg like a flamingo. Then sitting down suddenly he brought the soles of his feet together, his knees being at such an acute angle that nothing short of complete dislocation could have made the performance possible. The lecturer endeavored to follow his movements on an extremely suggestive looking skeleton which he had by his side and finally came to the conclusion that Mr. Dass had no ligaments at all.—London Graphic.

**The Senator's Striped Underwear.**

A western senator, who has always been addicted to the habit of wearing striped underwear, had a narrow escape recently on that very account. The striped underwear worn by the distinguished senator looked for all the world like a prisoner's garb, but of course that aspect of the case did not suggest itself to the senator. While en route to Washington on one occasion the fact came to him in a striking way. It was on a sleeping car at night. The car pitched and threw him out of the lower berth on to the floor, clad in his striped underwear.

The lurch of the car startled other folks, too, and two ladies on the opposite side of the senator stuck their heads out to see what the commotion was all about. When they saw the senator crawling under cover in his striped garb, thinking he was an escaped convict they screamed, and pandemonium reigned. The porter was summoned, whereupon the ladies commanded him to remove the "convict."

It took all the "senatorial courtesy" the senator could rake up to prove an alibi, and he was finally able to demonstrate who he was, but he has since abandoned the idea of wearing striped underwear, having reached the conclusion that plain flannels without stripes are much better and far safer.—Washington Post.

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Minnesota State Fair, 1896, Courtland Creamery Co., Courtland, Minn., (second),—score 99.4-5.

So. Dakota Tri-State Fair, 1896, Wm. R. Leighton, Williamstown, Ia.,—score 98.

Vermont Inter-State Fair, 1896, F. D. Prindle, Johnson, Vt.,—score 94.

Missouri State Fair, 1896, D. E. Wood & Co., Elgin, Ill.,—score 99.

Indiana State Fair, 1896, R. W. Furnas, Indianapolis, Ind.,—score 98.4.

Texas State Fair, 1896, W. A. Ponder, Denton, Tex.,—score—.

New Hampshire State Dairy Convention, 1896, C. H. Waterhouse, Cornish, N. H.,—score 98.4.

Iowa State Dairy Convention, 1896, H. N. Miller, Randall, Ia.,—score 99.

Kansas State Dairy Convention, 1896, Belle Springs Creamery Co., Abilene, Kas.,—score 98.

North Carolina State Fair, 1896, Geo. W. Vanderbilt, Biltmore, N. C.,—score—.

So. Dakota State Fair, 1896, Miner Creamery Co., Miner, S. D.,—score 97.3-5.

Maine State Dairy Convention, 1896, Robt. Harris, Skowhegan, Me.,—score 94.

So. Dakota Inter-State Exposition, 1896, De Smet Creamery Co., De Smet, S. D.,—score 98.

Illinois State Dairy Convention, 1896, W. E. Walden, Stillman Valley, Ill.,—score 98.

Minnesota State Dairy Convention, 1896, H. C. Hanson, Cooleyville, Minn.,—score 98.4.

Nebraska State Dairy Convention, 1896, E. D. Geyer, Hampton, Neb.,—score 97.4.

Vermont State Dairy Convention, 1897, (Creamery) Stratford Creamery Co., Stratford, Vt.,—score 98.

Vermont State Dairy Convention, 1897, (Dairy) Chas. F. Stafford, Chippenhook, Vt.,—score 97.4.

Connecticut State Dairy Convention, 1897, Theo. A. Stanley, New Britain, Conn.,—score 97.

Michigan State Dairy Convention, 1897, Robt. McConnell, Memphis, Mich.,—score 95.4.

Illinois State Dairy Convention, 1897, Elgin Board of Trade Gold Medal, County Line Creamery, Kaneville, Ill.,—score 98.4.

National Buttermakers Convention, 1897, Gold Medal, H. N. Miller, Randall, Ia.,—score 98.4.

National Buttermakers Convention, 1897, Silver Medal, G. H. Littlefield, Savanna, Ill.,—score 97.91.

National Buttermakers Convention, 1897, Silver Cup, C. E. Simeran, Owatonna, Minn.,—score 97.4.

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